one such branches have been operationalised by the end of October, 1995.

Induction of Vayudoot employees in Air India

2224. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding inductions of Vayudoot employees in officer grade and other grades in Air India;

(b) the number of officers/staff of Vayudoot inducted in Air India;

(c) the promotion policy of Air India for promoting their staff of commercial department in the officer grade; and

(d) the number of years of service an Air India employees has to complete before he is allowed to compete with the outsiders to join in the officers' grade?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Absorption of Vayudoot employees in Air India has been done as per their grade/level in the Vayudoot Ltd. Out of 310 personnel of Vayudoot absorbed in Air India, seven are in officers cadre and 303 are in workman category.

(c) In the Commercial Department of Air India, 60% standard force vacancies in officers cadre are filled by Traffic Supervisor/Sr. Office Assistant/Personal Assistant on the basis of satisfactory service record. For filling supernumerary posts on promotion, 20% of the strength of employees in the categories of Senior Office Assistant/Traffic Supervisor/ Personal Assistants are selected as per seniority on all India basis and satisfactory service.

(d) No fixed length of service has been specified for this purpose except in the case of Assistant Station Superintendent in Commercial Department, where Traffic Assistant with ten years service are allowed to compete with outsiders.

Productivity Linked Agreement

2225. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines' Management had signed some productivity Linked Agreement with the Indian Aircraft Technicians Association in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether such an agreement envisages additional payment of wages to technicians;

(d) if so, the details thereof with effective date of such payment; and

(e) whether such an increase in wages would increase the operational efficiency of Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Memorandum of Understanding signed on 16.11.1995 provides for increase in emoluments linked to the productivity which would be determined by the number of aircraft produced per day and the technical regularity of the services. The payment is effective from 1.1. 1995.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Investigations against Officers of LIC, Kanpur Division

2226. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether LIC, North Central Zone, Kanpur Division has not completed investigations against its own officers who were responsible for taking out various false insurance policies;

(b) whether certain agents were taken

to task but not the officers;

(c) if so, whether such officers have been sent out on foreign postings to avoid legal action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) have reported that after investigating the complaints received, they would initiate such action as deemed necessary in case any officer is found guilty. The LIC have confirmed that no officer can avoid legal action simply because he has been posted on a foreign assignment in case he is found guilty. In case of a few Agents who had not fulfilled the prescribed norms, already Club-Membership discontinuation letters had been sent.

भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट और भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा रिलायंस औद्योगिक समूह में किया गया निवेश

2227. **श्री संजय गौतम:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट और भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा रिलायंस औद्योगिक समूह में कुल कितना-कितना निवेश किया गया;

(ख) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान इन दोनों वित्तीय संस्थाओं की इस समूह में वित्तीय धारिता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ग) क्या उक्त औद्योगिक समूह द्वारा वित्तीय लेन-देन में भारी पैमाने पर अनेक अनियमितताएं बरती गई हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई जांच करवाई है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० देबी प्रसाद पॉल): (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Package of Regional Rural Banks available to Rural Branches of Commercial Banks

2228. SHRI Z RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether package of measures recently applicable of Regional Rural Banks are also available to rural branches of Commercial Banks since inception;

(b) whether a number of rual branches of Commercial Banks are running with losses inspite of such facilities;

(c) steps taken by Government to select Tripura Gramin Bank for restructuring; and

(d) by when it is expected to be selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have been allowed to undertake non-fund business as part of a package introduced for strengthening them. These facilities were already available in the branches of commercial banks including rural branches since inception. Besides, RRBs have been allowed to give credit to non-target groups upto 60% of the fresh lending. The commercial banks were already allowed to give credit upto 60% to such groups.

(b) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), some rural branches of commercial banks are running into losses.

(c) and (d) Tripura Gramin Bank was among 50 RRBs recommended by a Committee set up by RBI for the purpose of restructuring of RRBs during 1994-95. This bank, however, has not been taken up for restructuring through infusion of equity so far due to its very weak financial position and huge losses. A separate study has been made by a team